

Topic: Overseas travel by former governors-general

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Answer:

The costs to the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General for the 10 country 18-day Africa trip of \$64,189 compare favourably to costs incurred for overseas travel by previous Governors-General. Below is a summary of the overseas travel expenses incurred by the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General with respect to overseas travel undertaken by Ms Bryce's two immediate predecessors as Governor-General:

Major General Michael Jeffery

China (18-25 August 2008) -	\$42,299
Papua New Guinea (3-5 August 2008) -	\$10,807
Tonga (30 July to 3 August 2008) -	\$4,311
Israel (27 April to 2 May 2008) -	\$36,830
United Arab Emirates (20-27 April 2008) -	\$54,957
Belgium/United Kingdom (29 September - 8 October 2007) -	\$172,916
Malaysia (30 August to 2 September 2007) -	\$3,284
Belgium (10-16 July 2007) -	\$122,660
Samoa (18-19 May 2007) -	\$73
Tonga, Singapore, Netherlands (19-29 September 2006) -	\$156,625
United Kingdom (13-18 June 2006) -	\$57,225
Dubai, Turkey, Egypt (20 April to 1 May 2006)	\$133,315
Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates (18-28 December 2005) -	\$2,093
China (12-22 October 2005) -	\$92,743
Papua New Guinea (10-17 September 2005) -	\$16,697
Russia (5-10 May 2005) -	\$38,159
Italy/United Kingdom (6-10 April 2005) -	\$95,864
Solomons/East Timor (10-11 December 2004)	\$773
United States of America (10-14 June 2004) -	\$57,196
Denmark/Germany (5-14 May 2004)	\$118,096
United Kingdom/Singapore (1-10 March 04) -	\$130,257

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2002-03 (Egypt/Bali)	\$106,898
2001-02 (New Zealand, Europe)	\$179,263